



## News Release

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### **Workers at Greensburg's Masco/Delta Faucet eligible for Federal Aid**

INDIANAPOLIS (March 26, 2007) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled that former employees of Masco Corporation of Indiana/Delta Faucet Company are eligible to receive services under the Federal Trade Adjustment Assistance program. The ruling also applies to on-site leased workers of Personnel Management, Inc., also of Greensburg.

The TAA program, which is administered at the state level by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, is made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country.

The federal ruling, which was issued on March 13, 2007, applies to workers who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 5, 2006 through March 13, 2009.

In order for dislocated workers to be eligible for TAA benefits, a company executive, union representative or three former employees must file a petition with the Department of Labor and it must be approved before benefits can be released. The investigation was initiated in response to a petition received on February 16, 2007 and filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Masco Corporation of Indiana, Delta Faucet Company, Greensburg, Indiana. The workers are engaged in employment related to the production of faucets.

Additionally, the Department of Labor issued a certification for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for separated older workers at the facility. It was found that a significant number of workers at the company age 50 or over possess skills that are not easily transferable and that competitive conditions within the industry are adverse. Older workers may choose between regular TAA benefits or a wage subsidy of 50% of the difference between their new salary and old salary, up to \$10,000.

The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for a variety of re-employment services, job search and relocation allowances and training. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Eligible workers will receive notification letters from the Department of Workforce Development providing TAA eligibility and benefit information. The notification letters will also include WorkOne contact information and specific instructions on the application process for the TAA program.

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